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1. GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR GLAFCOS CLERIDES APRIL 6 MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONFIRMING TURKISH NEGOTIATOR RAUF DENKTASH'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT AGREEMENT EXISTED FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE TO STUDY GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS BEFORE OFFERING TURKISH CYPRIOT COUNTER-PROPOSALS:

2. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: AT THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH WERE HELD IN VIENNA FROM THE 17TH TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE 21ST OF FEBRUARY, 1976 MR. DENKTASH INISTED THAT, SINCE IT

HAD BEEN AGREED IN BRUSSELS THAT DISCUSSION OF THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND THAT THE GREEK SIDE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS ON IT, THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TURKISH SIDE FIRST, THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, MR. DE CUELLAR.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH A VIEW TO DEPRIVING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE OF ANY PRETEXT NOT TO SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS, I AGREED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS. I ALSO TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION THAT, IF I ACTED OTHERWISE, A DEADLOCK WOULD BE CREATED ON A PROCEDURAL MATTER, WHICH WOULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, WOULD ALLOW THE CREATION OF NEW FAITS ACCOMPLIS BY THE TURKISH SIDE AND WOULD PREVENT THE CARRYING OUT OF TALKS ON SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.

4. AS IT WAS A CONFIDENTIAL ARRANGEMENT, I DID NOT DISCLOSE IT TO ANYBODY AT THAT TIME OR LATER, AND I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH I HANDLED THE WHOLE MATTER.
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5. STATEMENT IS MAJOR GREEK CYPRIOT NEWS STORY APRIL 7. ALL PAPERS EXPRESS SURPRISE, INDIGNATION THAT AGREEMENT KEPT SECRET FROM MAKARIOS, GOC. TYPICAL HEADLINES ARE: (PRO-MAKARIOS) "CLERIDES CONFESSED HE CONCLUDED AGREEMENT, KEPT SECRET FROM MAKARIOS"; (PRO-LYSSARIDES) TA NEA " "OFFICIAL SOURCE DENOUNCES CLERIDES FOR MAKING US INTERNATIONAL LAUGHING STOCK"; (PRO-CLERIDES) SIMERINI - "CLERIDES IS OFFICIALLY ACCUSED OF HIDING SECRET AGREEMENT WITH DENKTASH FROM MAKARIOS"; (PRO-SAMPSON) MAKHI - "PEOPLE SHOCKED BY CLERIDES' REVELATIONS YESTERDAY."
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